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Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

In re application of:

SATO ET AL

Application No.: 10/644,965

Art Unit: 1775

Filed: August 21, 2003

Examiner: Jason Savage

For: Multi-Layer Sliding Part and a Method for Its
 Manufacture

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

An amendment in the above-identified patent application is attached.

[X] No extension of time is required.

[X] No additional claim fee is required.

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////////	AFTER	////////	PREVIOUSLY	CLAIMS	CLAIM	FEE	CLAIM
////////	AMENDMENT	////////	PAID FOR	EXTRA			FEE
TOTAL	* 16	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x25=	\$	x 50=
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM					+180	\$	+360=
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- [] A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- [x] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1079.
- [x] Any filing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- [x] Any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d).

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on May 31, 2006,
2005 the Applicants request that the present application be
amended as shown below.